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APD Detectives seek public's assistance in two additional masked bandit robberies

The Austin Police Department's Robbery Unit is seeking the public's assistance to help identify a suspect responsible for several home invasion robberies in the Austin Area. The first robbery occurred on Dec. 12, 2007 and a total of twenty robberies have occurred since then. The most recent took place on July 24, 2008 and August 2, 2008.

The suspect has been targeting victims in the Hispanic community.

He has reportedly entered apartment complexes and duplexes through unlocked doors. He enters these residences, displays a hand gun and proceeds to rob the victims. The suspect is described as:

Black or Hispanic male
22-29 years old
5'10" – 6'2", 150 lbs
Thin-medium build
Speaks broken Spanish
Possibly armed

The suspect wears a ski mask and gloves during the robberies and has been seen fleeing the scene on a bicycle.

Individuals with any information about this suspect are asked to call 9-1-1 immediately or CrimeStoppers at 472-8477. CrimeStoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information.

Media advisory: A Sergeant will be available at 3 p.m. today at APD Headquarters to provide on camera interviews. Please call APD PIO to schedule an interview.

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